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1. On 26 December 22,000 Chinese Communist troops arrived at Sangwon (126-06, 38-51) from Sandung (126-12, 39-00) with 470 civilians conscripted to carry ammunition. The force had 85 Soviet trucks and jeeps, 90 horse carts, 14 field artillery pieces of undetermined caliber, 150 80-mm. and 120-mm. mortars, 20 anti-tank guns of undetermined caliber, 40 HMG's, and approximately 60 IMG's.
2. The commander of the Chinese forces is SUN (孫), approximately 45 years old; the deputy commander is HSU Yu-hsiang (徐魚祥), approximately 37 years old. The civilian in charge of conscripting Korean labor is SUI Wang-ch'ing (隋王清), approximately 40 years old.
3. These troops left Sangwon on the evening of 26 December, arriving at Hwangju (125-46, 38-40) on the morning of 27 December. One hour later a Soviet officer of undetermined rank and two Koreans in civilian clothes visited the commander of the Chinese force for half an hour in a house in Hwangju.
4. The force arrived at Songhyon-ni (126-28, 38-04) on the morning of 30 December, with six trucks loaded with ammunition and food supplies. The ammunition included Chinese Communist hand grenades marked June 1950. The troops stated that the 120-mm. mortar shells in this shipment were made in the USSR in September 1950. The force arrived at Changdan (126-46, 37-56) on the morning of 31 December, deployed for an offensive, and advanced to Hapo-r1 (126-48, 37-56).
5. The Chinese in charge of Korean troops told them to bear their present hardships patiently since the Chinese Communists would bring a better world by liberating Korea by the end of February 1951, then taking Cheju-do and Taiwan.
6. On 31 December there were 1,300 North Korean infantry troops on a plateau northwest of Changdan and a Korean heavy mechanized company totaling 300 troops on a plateau to the northeast of the town.

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7. On the evening of 29 December an unidentified Chinese Communist unit comprising 42 tanks and 13 armored cars passed a point 14 kilometers southeast of Namchonjon (126-24, 38-20), moving toward Kaesong.

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